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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN MEDIA ON ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS

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1. EGYPTIAN PRESS JULY 29 HEADLINES PRESIDENT CARTER'S PRESS  
CONFERENCE STATEMENTS ON ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN OCCUPIED  
TERRITORIES. REPORTS ARE FACTUAL; HEADLINES STRESS PRESIDENT'S  
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CRITICISM OF ISRAELI POLICY AND HIS HOPE FOR RECONVENED GENEVA PEACE  
CONFERENCE. PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON NECESSITY OF PALESTINIANS  
ACCEPTING ISRAEL AS NATION GIVEN LOW KEY BUT FACTUAL COVERAGE.  
NO EDITORIALS ON PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE, PRESUMABLY  
BECAUSE NOT ENOUGH TIME.

2. PRESS DID, HOWEVER, EDITORIALIZE HEAVILY ON SECRETARY

VANCE'S EARLIER COMMENTS. AHRAM STATES "NEW US ATTITUDE" COMPLETES TOTAL INTERNATIONAL REJECTION OF ISRAELI CONDUCT IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. PAPER CLAIMS THAT, IN PAST US HAD ABSTAINED OR OPPOSED REOLUTIONSS CONCERNING THIS SUBJECT IN UNGA OR UNSC. AHRAM SAID SECRETARY'S STATEMENTS CARRY ADDITIONAL WEIGHT BECAUSE THEY DELIVERED NOT ONLY IN HIS CAPACITY AS HEAD OF STATE DEPARTMENT BUT ALSO AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF GENEVA CONFERENCE. AHRAM CONCLUDES BEGIN DECISION, MADE IN WAKE HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND FOLLOWING TALKS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, CONSCIOUS EFFORT OBSTRUCT PEACE.

3. GUMHURIYYA CLAIMS U.S. ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERS BEGIN DECISION "STAB AT AMERICAN POLICY" AND SERIOUS THREAT TO US ISRAELI RELATIONS. DECISION, PAPER MAINTAINS, AIMED AT IMPOSING IRREVOCABLE OCCUPATION OF WEST BANK AND GAZA. GUMHURIYYA CONCLUDES THAT GENEVA WILL BE FINAL TEST FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST. CLAIMS EGYPT CONTRIBUTING "EVERY EFFORT TOWARDS SUCCESS OF ENDEAVORS FOR PEACE" BUT INSISTS THAT, IF ISRAEL PERSISTS IN DESTROYING THESE ENDEAVORS, "THEN OTHER MEANS FOR RECOVERY OF ARAB RIGHTS ARE ALREADY AT HAND."

4. COMMENT: MEDIA REFLECTS GENERAL EGYPTIAN SATISFACTION WITH STRONG POSITION U.S. HAS TAKEN AGAINST GOI OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF THE THREE WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS. STILL NO MENTION IN PRESS OF TWO NEW SETTLEMENTS IN RAFAH SALIENT NOR HAS ANY EGYPTIAN MENTIONED THEM TO US. HOWEVER, SINCE JULY 27 CORNERSTONE LAYING APPEARED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN ISRAELI PRESS (REF B), GOE LIKELY TO PICK IT UP SOON AND IF THEY DO WE WILL HEAR ABOUT IT.

5. FOR TEL AVIV: DID CORNERSTONE LAYINGS IN RAFAH SALIENT SETTLEMENTS TAKE PLACE AS SCHEDULED?  
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